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For: NUCLEIC ACID AGENTS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET MOLECULES AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR USE (AS AMENDED)

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is Supplemental to the response filed on May 3, 2004 for the above-referenced patent application.